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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petition for a four-month extension of time to file an executed declaration in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371, dated June 12, 2000. This petition is for an extension of time originally set for response on July 12, 2000. With the granting of this request, the time for response is Monday, November 13, 2000.

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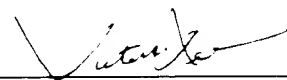
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